Rehabilitation of Indira Sagar Project oustees

*58. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the proper resettlement and rehabilitation of the Omkareshwar and Indira Sagar Project oustees have not been done;.

(b) whether Narmada Tribunal Award and Supreme Court have given directions to Government towards the rehabilitation of Narmada dam oustees;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ): (a) Resettlement and rehabilitation work of Omkareshwar and Indira Sagar Projects has been carried out in accordance with the rehabilitation policy of the Government of Madhya Pradesh dated 31.5.06.

The question related to the proper resettlement and rehabilitation of Indira Sagar Project oustees is under consideration in the Hon'ble Supreme Court through Special Leave Petition No.935 of 2007 filed by Narmada Bachao Andolan which is still pending and hence the matter is *subjudice*. Similarly, the matter related to Omkareshwar project is *subjudice* in Jabalapur High Court as the Narmada Bachao Andolan has filed a petition No.4457/07 in Jabalapur High Court.

(b) Narmada Water Dispute Tribunal Award had not given stipulations/directions with respect to resettlement and rehabilitation of Omkareshwar and Narmada Sagar (now renamed as Indira Sagar Project) dam oustees. In respect of Indira Sagar dam, the matter is under consideration in Hon'ble Supreme Court in SLP No.935 of 2007 as mentioned above.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Mortgaging of gold for loans

†*59. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Nationalised Banks are still following 1986 as a base year for advancing loan by mortgaging gold with the banks;

(b) if so, the details thereof:

(c) whether Government propose to take any steps for granting loan by mortgaging gold with the banks as per the prevailing rates of gold instead that of the base year of 1986;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e) As per extant RBI guidelines, scheduled commercial banks are permitted to grant loans to individuals only against gold ornaments and jewellery, and not against bullion/primary gold. For grant of such advances, the banks frame a suitable policy in this regard with the approval of their Board of Directors, including ceiling for such loans, margin and-rates of interest, etc. Based on the prevailing market price of gold, the nationalized banks periodically revise the rate of gold for calculating the value of the jewellery/ornaments for granting such loans.

LPG and CNG retail units in Tamil Nadu

*60. SHRI R. SHUNMUGASUNDARAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be please to state:

(a) the total quantum of LPG consumed by automobile owners in Tamil Nadu;

(b) the number of LPG retail units which have been established in Tamil Nadu for automobile users alongwith details in each town in Tamil Nadu;

(c) the proposals to meet the growing demands; and

(d) whether CNG retail units are functioning in Tamil Nadu and if so, how many, town-wise?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA). (a) The total sales of auto-LPG through Auto LPG Dispensing Stations (ALDS) set up by the Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) during the year 2006-07, is 8751 Metric Tonnes (MTs) and during April-June, 2007 is 3447 MTs in the State of Tamil Nadu.

(b) OMCs are presently operating 34 ALDS in the State of Tamil Nadu. The district/town-wise details are given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(c) OMCs propose to set up 37 more ALDS in the State of Tamil Nadu.

(d) No, Sir.

Statement

Details of Auto LPG dispensing Stations (ALDS) in the State of Tamil Nadu as on 30.06.2007

District/town where ALDS are operating	Number of ALDS
1	2
Chennai	22
Tiruvallur	2
Salem	1
Madurai	4
Kanchipuram	2